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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. European Patent Application No. EP 0 052 039. English-language claims are present at columns 7-8 of this document.
2. Russian Patent Application No. SU 0840112. An English-language abstract is enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2003-279265. An English-language abstract is enclosed.
4. WIPO Patent Application No. WO 2004/106831. An English-language abstract is enclosed.
5. WIPO Patent Application No. WO 02/088398. An English-language abstract is enclosed.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents listed above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Australian Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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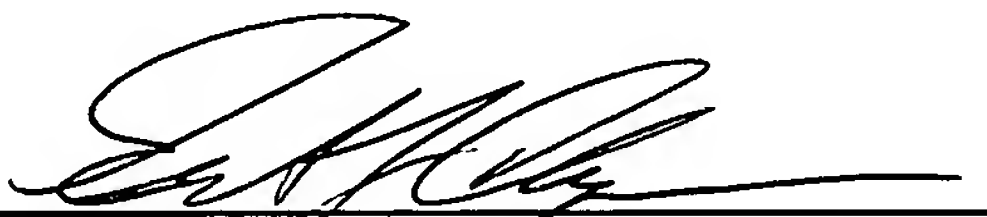
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